

The Epistle for our Present Age: 1 Corinthians

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The local church is a community of people who share the life of God, are under the governing will of God, & cooperate in the work of God.

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The apostle Paul was concerned with the theological implications of the gospel of Jesus Christ, particularly as these effect affect theology, ethics, and morals. The doctrine of the church is his primary subject, especially the local church. With the doctrine and impact of the local church upon the community, Paul corrects wrong views of the Cross, spirituality, the church, and the resurrection. We have responsibility for how people in our city think, how they behave, and whom they glorify. What the community needs is the message of the Cross delivered in the power of the Resurrection. Selah. Paul R. Shockley